

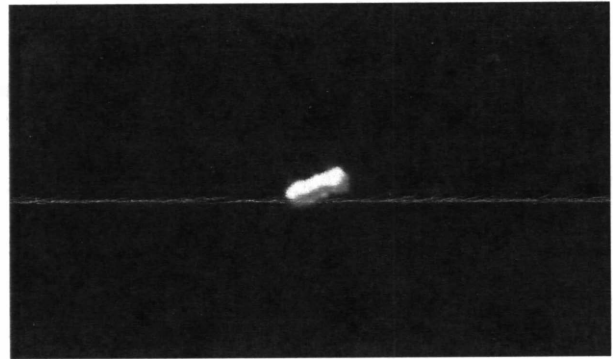
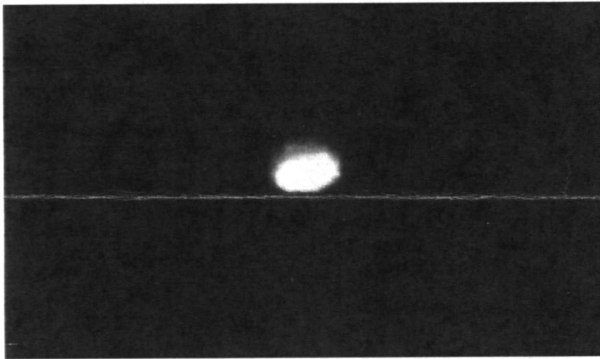
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## SOUTH CAROLINA SPHERE-SHAPED UFO PHOTOGRAPHED



A South Carolina witness at Marion reported watching a sphere-shaped UFO on the ground that "lifted off and started moving away" about 10:30 p.m. on September 2, 2015, according to testimony on the MUFON witness reporting database.

The case was investigated by South Carolina Field Investigator Jeffrey Elliott and State Director Cheryl Ann Gilmore and closed as an unknown.

Investigators stated that the witness was on the telephone when the object was first observed looking out a living room window. The witness observed the object on the ground. The witness was unable to get video footage at this time because he was so excited about what he was seeing.

The report states that the witness then went outside and walked to within about 100 feet of the object.

"It lifted off and started moving away," investigators stated. "As it rose and moved away the color changed to a reddish-orange. It continued toward Wilmington, NC, and then stopped and made a right angle turn followed by the second object, identical in nature."

The witness was able to shoot images of the object as it moved away.

"These are visible in the cell phone pictures. Witness said he went to the spot where the object rose from and that no physical evidence was left behind by event."

The witness included seven images in the report filed September 4, 2015. Source: Roger Marsh, "Open Minds" September 9, 2015.

## ARROWHEAD UFO SPOTTED IN MINNESOTA

Rochester, Minnesota - 9/21/15 - "I had an incredible sighting today. At 2:00 p.m. I was driving in S. E. Rochester heading west down a hill with my brother.

"I happened to look off to my left side and saw a huge black arrowhead shaped craft. My brother saw it at the same moment.

"It was larger than a commercial jet. It was hovering and not making any noise. It was a totally clear day and I would not be surprised to see others report on it.

"It was just there in the sky and so easy to see. If you looked up there is no way you could miss it. I could not pull over as I had traffic behind me.

"After looking at it for about ten seconds trees started to obstruct my view. By the time I got back in the clear it was gone. The time I lost sight of it was about a minute. The craft was flat black and did not reflect the sun at all.

"On the top going down the side was large ridges that were evenly spaced out. From my angle to it I saw the back left side. At first I thought it was a triangle shape, but it was slightly angled so I could see the back was cut out.

"I suppose you could say it was boomerang but it was much thicker and more arrowhead-like. It was stationary and did not move at all. It was so crystal clear of a sighting that I am still in awe. I did not see how the craft left." Source: "UFO Casebook" September 22, 2015.

### **RETURN OF A "CLASSIC"**

With FSD's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary rapidly approaching, we're going to be celebrating by publishing some special things in the months ahead. The first of which is a reprint of FSD's special publication *Flying Saucer Classics* from 1968 which is now in stock and ready to ship. *Classics* consists of 21 classic UFO cases from the early days of the enigma, and each one is illustrated by FSD's then co-editor and artist Ron Pelger. At its founding back in 1967 FSD billed itself as "the illustrated UFO magazine," and Ron's great artwork filled each and every issue.

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### **10 UFO HOTSPOTS AROUND THE GLOBE – by Summit Passaru**

Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects have been regularly reported by people around the globe. However, there are certain UFO hotspots in the world where UFO activity has been reported more than elsewhere.

#### **The Welsh Triangle in the UK**

Stories of UFO sightings at the Welsh Triangle, or the Broad Haven Triangle, are among the most talked about in the UK. A number of UFO sightings around Dyfed, Wales in 1977 excited many locals. School children reportedly saw a UFO in a field while walking to their school. When they were asked to draw what they saw, the images were strikingly similar. Many people also claimed to have seen 7-foot aliens in silver spacesuits during the night.

The area has also reported the sudden halt of TV sets, radios and cars without any reason. Cattle are also believed to have been teleported from one region to another. Locals say that all these activities are linked to extraterrestrials.

#### **Mexico**

UFO sightings have also been reported in Mexico. In 1991, during a solar eclipse, many eyewitnesses said they saw strange aircraft hovering in the sky.

In late January this year, a webcam also captured a UFO that resembled a horse hovering near the erupting Colima volcano. A previous report claimed the horse-shaped UFO appeared out of nowhere and disappeared within moments.

#### **Myrtle Beach in South Carolina**

Myrtle Beach in South Carolina is a UFO hotspot as many people claim to have seen spaceships. In 2011, a local business owner said he had seen strange orbs in the sky. The National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) said that just last month, two separate accounts of UFO sightings were reported over Myrtle Beach.

"Looking at the full moon over the ocean. Then saw two fire red circular objects, about 300 yards apart in the sky moving very slowly," claimed an eyewitness.

#### **The M Triangle in Russia**

The M Triangle is located near the Ural Mountains and about 600 miles east of Moscow. UFO enthusiasts believe that the region is the best hotspot in the country for UFO sightings. For over a century, locals have reported strange lights, UFOs, weird symbols in the sky and even encounters with translucent beings believed to be aliens. The area is also under constant surveillance by the Russian intelligence service.

#### **Warminster in the UK**

The Neolithic structures of Stonehenge are situated in the region, and many locals in the town of Warminster have reported sighting UFOs and hearing strange sounds. In the 1960s, many local residents claimed to have heard strange and unexplainable sounds in the morning. In 1961, for instance, four people around Warminster said they had seen a UFO. Accounts of UFO sightings in the area continued to emerge until the 1970s.

#### **Bonnybridge in Scotland**

In recent years, Bonnybridge in Scotland has become the UFO hotspot of the entire world. The region lies in the so-called Falkirk Triangle, and area stretching from the town of Stirling to the outskirts of Edinburgh.

UFO sighting in the region was first believed to have happened in 1992 when a local businessman reported to have seen strange lights in the sky. Initially, the businessman thought the lights were stars, but he later claimed that the lights formed triangular shapes and moved in the sky. Since then, many people in the area supposedly began seeing UFOs. Every year, about 300 UFO sightings are reported in this region.

#### **Chile**

People in Chile have also reported UFO sightings. In 2010, an engineer spotted a UFO during an acrobatic airshow at the El Bosque Air Force Base in Santiago. The UFO was said to be moving at a speed of 4,000 m.p.h.

In April 2013, some miners working at the Collahuasi copper mine captured a video of a UFO flying 14,000 feet above sea level in the northern Andean plateau. The silver disk-like object was reported to the government, which later confirmed that it was neither a weather phenomenon nor a man-made object.

#### **Canada**

Sky gazers in Canada currently witness the most number of UFO sightings. In 2011, 986 UFO sightings were reported. The figure more than doubled to 1,981 in 2012.

"More than half of all UFO sightings were of simple lights in the sky. Witnesses also reported point sources of light, spheres and boomerangs," stated the Ufology Research blog.

#### **Texas**

Many UFO sightings continue to emerge from the state. In 2008, dozens of local residents in Stephenville reported a UFO flying low in the sky. The UFO had bright lights and moved at incredible speed.

The Texas UFO Sightings website has also put together their UFO encounters of people, ranging from strange lights, orbs, silent UFOs and many more.

#### **Pacific Coast Highway, California**

People have regularly reported UFOs along the Pacific Coast Highway, from San Diego to San Francisco.

UFO sightings also date back to World War II when a UFO flew over Los Angeles and was witnessed by thousands of people. The military also fired at the UFO but it went undamaged. Source: "Tech Times" May 3, 2015.

#### **LIGHTED BLACK "TWINKIE" OVER OIL CITY, PA**

"Around 8:30 p.m. on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, my significant other and I witnessed some kind of craft hovering over the center of our city. We were facing north, and we live at the top of a hill in our city. We are both in our early twenties and work most of the day, so we spend most of our time on the back porch at night.

"That night we witnessed what I can only describe as a black 'twinkie' with reddish-purple lights on both ends, and a very bright blue light in the middle of the craft, situated at the bottom. The lights on the side would change from bright red to a very deep maroon, almost purple.

"There was no reflection on the actual craft itself from these lights, although there were halos of the same colored light around the craft.

"We watched it for at least a minute, as it was motionless. I thought it to be a satellite or some kind of plane, but then it began to move. The movement was erratic, moving in zig-zags and up and down at an extremely fast speed.

"We watched it move for about 45 seconds, until it came to a halt. It moved slightly upward and then just seemed to disappear.

"My significant other and I have witnessed this kind of craft in the same location before, once on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, for about 10 minutes at 10:45 p.m., and once again on July 15 around midnight, for less than 5 minutes." Source: National UFO Reporting Center September 2, 2015.

#### **MESSAGES FROM SPACE – by Martin Piechota**

For centuries man has wondered if we are alone in the Universe. Have we been visited by beings from other planets or dimensions? The impact of these questions in human culture has been undeniable and persists to this day.

Scientists have constructed observatories to capture signals from outer space in an attempt to discover if other beings are capable of communicating with them. Now we discover that the strange signals that baffled astrophysicists for 17 years has been traced to a microwave oven in an observatory's kitchen. In a report by BBC News dated 5 May 2015, the signals (called perytons) were first detected at the Parkes Observatory in New South Wales in 1998. Their frequency and duration suggested fast radio bursts from another galaxy, but they only occurred during business hours. An interference monitor revealed their true source: opening the oven door before the timer had pinged.

#### **OVAL-SHAPED OBJECTS IN ILLINOIS**

Hanover Park, Illinois – 07/31/15 – "Preface my sighting with stating I am commercial rated pilot with approximately 800 hours flying time. My license is not currently active.

"I stepped outside my front door at 11:30 p.m. to have a cigarette. My vision is better than 20/20. My hearing is excellent. The sky was clear and it was very quiet with no discernible wind. I was facing north.

"Within a minute of being outside I noticed what I first thought was a plane coming in my direction. By the time the object was directly over me, I noticed that the bottom of the object was round shaped.

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"The illuminated color was a solid orange-yellow. My estimate of its altitude was 6-8000 feet. My estimate of its speed was 3-400 kts. It was certainly moving faster than the 250 kt. Speed restriction on planes flying below 10,000 ft. MSL.

"As it passed over me I became acutely aware of trying to listen for any noise from the object, thinking it might be a jet. It emitted no noise.

"It continued in a straight path flying to the south. I lost sight of it through tall trees behind me. I turned back facing north and within 15 seconds of losing sight of the first object, I noticed another similar object following the first object's same flight path, at approximately the same altitude, speed, same size and same illuminated solid orange-yellow.

"Again there was no noise. I lost sight of the second object the same way as I lost sight of the first one. Neither object had any strobe lights which is a FAA requirement for flying at night. Their color was solid and bright. I've spent my life interested in aviation.

"I'm very familiar with all types of aircraft. The two objects I saw flying were unidentifiable. The propulsion system they used to fly at that speed did not emit any noise whatsoever." Source: "UFO Casebook" August 1, 2015.

### **CLASSIC DISK SIGHTED IN NEW JERSEY**

Montvale Park Ridge, NJ - 7/22/15 - "I saw an object (without magnification) that I could not recognize on Wednesday night, July 22<sup>nd</sup> approximately 10:15 p.m., shortly after I drove past the Montvale service area of the Garden State Parkway driving northbound.

"My view of the object was extremely clear and distinct.

"It appeared to be some 150 feet across and about one-half mile away when I was closest to it, just above the tree line to the east. It seemed to be moving slowly to the north or was stationary as I was able to get much closer to the object, driving toward the New York State Thruway.

"It had a classic saucer-like appearance: illuminated silver-metallic with a slightly flattened rim that projected around the middle.

"As I headed further north, it seemed to have changed its appearance. From my vantage point, it appeared brightest on the bottom with a golden glow, fading further up the object to orange, reddish, and then dark on top.

"Despite the apparent change, it was still well illuminated, apparently from within having taken on an overall dusky orange color with what I recall were three red lights on the bottom.

"The rim appeared to have tilted so that the closer portion was lower than the far end. This made the craft look somewhat like the planet Saturn, with its orange appearance, dark top and rim that looked like the ring of a planet.

"As cars on the Garden State drove northbound, almost all slowed down dramatically, whether because their occupants were afraid of it or they simply wanted a better look.

"I was also driving northbound in the area for about three to four minutes, and gaps in the tree line enabled my view about one-third of the time." Source: "UFO Casebook" August 5, 2015.

### **PROFESSORS SAY ALIEN PROBES HAVE VISITED EARTH**

NASA's Voyager 1 space probe reached beyond our solar system's boundary last year, and it's set to rendezvous with a star named AC+79 3888 in about 40,000 years. It may seem like a long time, but imagine an alien race that's 40,000 years ahead of us in technological development.

What if that race sent out a probe 40,000 years ago? Could we be at the receiving end of similar attempts at space exploration? What if that race had a million-year head start on humanity?

University of Edinburgh professors Arwen Nicholson and Duncan Forgan have pondered such questions and formulated some related theories.

They published an article in the *International Journal of Astrobiology* last year explaining techniques that could dramatically cut down the time needed to send probes far and wide. They also said it is not only possible that aliens could reach our solar system with such probes, but they may have done so a very long time ago. And this may be ongoing, with several different alien cultures sending probes at the same time.

Furthermore, the probes could be so advanced we would not even be able to detect them. Just because we haven't seen the probes, said the mathematicians, doesn't mean they haven't arrived.

According to Albert Einstein's relativity theory, it is impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and this has led some to question how aliens could reach our planet within any reasonable amount of time if they live so many light-years away.

Some scientists have begun questioning Einstein's relativity theory, though it still provides the prevailing framework for understanding cosmic motion. Even within the bounds of this theory, said the researchers, space travel could be much quicker than previously thought.

Nicholson and Forgana theorize that probes could slingshot themselves around cosmic bodies using the gravitational forces of those bodies. This slingshot maneuver, combined with an ability to self-replicate, could allow alien civilizations to probe the entire Milky Way galaxy within 10 million years without going faster than the speed of light, according to their calculations. Actually, the probes would only need to go 10 percent of the speed of light to accomplish this.

It may seem that 10 million years is still a completely unreasonable time span, but considering the enormity of the galaxy and the great time span of all of cosmic history, it's really quite short.

The two professors built their theory upon the work of mathematician and physicist John Von Neumann, who first postulated the model of the self-replicating machine in the 1940s.

The concept of the self-replicating, Voyager-like probe follows the idea that a probe is sent to a distant star system, and once it arrives, it collects the necessary resources needed to construct another probe. Once the new probe is finished, it would move onto another system while the parent would stay at its destination and complete its mission. Source: Paul Darin, "Epoc Times" August 7 – 13 2014 via Gene Duplantier.

## FORTEAN FLASHES

### THE CHATHAM COUNTY, NC DEVIL'S TRAMPING GROUND – by Michael Pollock

When it comes to the paranormal, Chatham County is a hot spot, and is home to a famous mystery spot, the Devil's Tramping Ground. The Tramping Ground is said to be a 40' wide clearing with a perfect circular path about 20' feet around, free of any weeds, where the Devil allegedly paces nightly. It is said that anything left in the circle overnight vanishes, and that people who try to stay in the circle overnight experience something terrifying, Wikipedia to the contrary. It is in the southwest corner of the county, by Harper's Crossroads, an unincorporated town surrounded by goat and cattle pastures and woods. From the center of town, at the intersection of Highway 902 and Siler City-Glendon Road, turn north and immediately on the left is lonely Devil's Tramping Ground Road. Soon there is a gravel pull-off on the left, and the privately owned Tramping Ground is visible 40' up a path. Across the road and south saplings are growing on cut fields. There are a few houses, tracts of woods and woodlots, bean patches, an old sunflower field, and chickens and other fowl foraging along the road.

Unfortunately the Devil's Tramping Ground has lost its former glory. Recently I saw a circular area of disturbed soil with ash and bits of litter mixed in and a few sprigs of spurge, and no circle, assuming I found it. I had wanted to see the Tramping Ground for a long time, and want to believe it is mysterious, but it seemed no more eerie than any lonely woods, except for its reputation. The trail peters out further on, and I heard the sounds of kids beyond the woods. There were no birds, and reportedly animals avoid the Tramping Ground, but it was also a late summer afternoon when birds are quiet anyway. Surrounding it is an open, low forest of blackjack and Spanish oaks, Virginia pines, and red maples, over a thick green undergrowth of lowbush blueberries and greenbriars, and some devil's shoestrings, or goat's rue. Accounts often mention wire grass in the clearing, probably referring to the rushes of poor packed soil. All of this points to a possible explanation of the site. These plants and the vegetation of the region indicates poor, acidic soil. The soil at the Tramping Ground is white and probably poisoned with charcoal ash. A steady stream of visitors should keep it bare without paranormal intervention.

The best account is from John Harden's *The Devil's Tramping Ground and Other NC Mystery Stories* in 1949. He might be the one who put the Tramping Ground on the map in NC lore. He recounts legends about the site being a Native American meeting place, or the grave of a Chief Croatan, of Lost Colony fame, or a treasure site, or just a former molasses mill. He mentions the hypothesis about salt, but tests conducted by The Avalon Foundation discount this. Hardens seems to be the source of the oft-quoted fact about sterile soil, but it sounds like the tests meant that the soil is acidic and poor, not literally lifeless. The Avalon Foundation found that the ring, which existed in summer 2002, was unusual, low in carbon and minerals, and cucumbers did not sprout in its soil, but nothing else was unusual. Their musings on the meaning of the litter they found are hilarious.

The Tramping Ground is not the only strange phenomenon. According to Jim Brandon's *Weird America*, in the mid-'70's many 19" tracks appeared in the area, but trackers could not corner the culprit. 100 three-toed tracks, a common trait in Southern bigfeet, were found by Game Warden A. C. Goodwin, especially about a house by the Deep River. The phenomenon is far from confined to the Pacific Northwest's sasquatch.

In the great tradition of unusual things falling from the sky, February 25, 1884 blood and flesh fell over a 60' rectangular area in a just plowed field near New Hope Creek belonging to Silas Beckwith. The sky was clear, nearly calm, and the event was witnessed by the wife of tenant farmer Kit Lasater. Physician Sidney Atwater convinced Francis Venable, a chemist and later UNC's president, to examine the material and he concluded that it was really blood. This has happened repeatedly, from a red cloud in Sampson County and clear skies over Gaston County, while greasy flakes fell in Boonville, black rain fell around Wake Forest, and various things fell in Charlotte.

Chatham has magical sites and history North Carolinians should remember and preserve, before more sites are lost.

## **SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> CALIFORNIA ICE FALL**

MODESTO, Calif. – A loud crash startled a California family at home Wednesday morning when a chunk of ice the size of a basketball hurdled from the sky and smashed through the roof, likely the result of frozen moisture breaking loose from an airplane flying high overhead.

Monica Savath said she and her family were in the living room of their Modesto home when they were shaken by the commotion. She said it sounded like a bomb exploding. Running to the attached garage, they found a gaping hole in the roof and shattered ice. Nobody was injured.

"What on earth happened?" Savath said in an interview with KOVR-TV.

Jim Mathews, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sacramento, dismissed any meteorological explanation, given the area's clear blue skies and hot temperatures. He said an airplane is the most likely culprit and suspects the same moisture that creates long white trails behind jets can collect into a large ice block. One may have dislodged from a plane and found its way to the family's home, he said.

Pieces of the ice in the Savath home were white or clear. Its color ruled out the possibility that it was waste that leaked from an airplane, which is blue from chemicals used to flush airplane toilets.

Modesto is in the grips of a heatwave with the high temperature hitting 104, which adds to the mystery. Mathews said temperatures high in the jet stream are very cold, and it probably fell so quickly that it didn't melt much on its way down.

"Good thing it didn't hit anybody," he said. "Boy, that could really do a number."

Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said an inspector visited the family's home. Gregor said he had no immediate answers.

Neighbor Lisa Lawrence said she was outside smoking a cigarette when she heard a whizzing sound and saw the debris the size of a basketball.

"Sounded like a jet, actually," she said. "That's what made me look up, and I was like, if that's a jet, it's travelling pretty low." Source: Associated Press, September 11, 2015 via Martin Piechota.

## **PENNSYLVANIA PAPER FALL**

WEST PITSTON – Paula Viccica of West Pittston thought a passing airplane must have dropped the scraps of white paper that fell from the sky onto her Wyoming Avenue lawn Monday morning April 20, 2015.

But according to a local office of the Federal Aviation Administration, the debris littering her lawn did not come from a plane, Ms. Viccica said Tuesday.

"They took samples this afternoon," Ms. Viccica said. "They're still investigating, but they can't explain it."

Ms. Viccica called the FAA on Monday morning after she saw what appeared to be scraps of toilet paper falling onto her home and lawn around 7:40 a.m. Ms. Viccica said she was on her front porch attempting to replace the flowers in her two planters.

"It was raining so (the debris) was hitting me," she said.

Arlene Salac, public affairs representative for the FAA's eastern region, said Tuesday morning a regional FAA crew would take samples of the debris to determine if it came from a plane, specifically to see if a passing plane's lavatory system had malfunctioned.

Ms. Salac emphasized that only a malfunction could cause lavatory waste to fall from a passing plane – waste is meant to be contained on the flight and emptied upon landing.

The unexplained scraps remained strewn about Ms. Viccica's lawn at 221 Wyoming Ave. on Tuesday afternoon. She pointed toward pieces of the debris in the uppermost branches of a tall pine tree and on the roof of her home.

Ms. Viccica said the FAA's Allentown Flight Standards Office contacted her Tuesday afternoon after examining the samples they picked up earlier in the day. She said she planned to send the office some photographs she took Monday morning of the debris against the fresh black mulch she and her husband had put down over the weekend.

While Ms. Viccica remains puzzled by the debris, she said she felt some relief knowing it did not come from an airplane's lavatory.

"I feel a little bit better," she said. "It's a mystery now." Source: Sarah Scinto, Scranton *Times-Tribune* April 22, 2015 via Martin Piechota.

## **A WORD ABOUT THIS ISSUE**

Because of our computer problems with the summer issue, we used a smaller type font with this issue so as to fit in all of the information we had on file that we couldn't use in our last issue. Next issue we will revert back to a more eye friendly size of type. Also, in anticipation of FSD's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will be starting a special series of graphic art look backs in the next issue as well. Watch for more special anniversary goodies in the months to come.